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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provided for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

<i>Application Number</i>	09/814,264
<i>Filing Date</i>	March 21, 2001
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<i>Group Art Unit</i>	2821
<i>Examiner Name</i>	LE, HOANGANH T.
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	450100-03070

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under CFR 1.114.

- a. Previously submitted
 i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on October 28, 2003.

(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)

- ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 iii. Other _____

- b. Enclosed
 i. Amendment/Reply
 ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 iv. Other _____

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2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103© for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(l) required)

- b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

- i. RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
 ii. Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
 iii. Other _____

- b. Checks in the amount of \$770.00 and \$420.00 are enclosed for the following: filing fee and a 2-month extension of time.

- c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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